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Dear Joshua,

I am deeply moved by the warm and generous sentiments which you express in your letter which has reached me here at Woods Hole.

Although my recent discussions at Stanford have, on the whole, been unfruitful, I am greatly comforted by the fact that they provided me with an opportunity to come to know you and to experience your very kind and very friendly interest.

The principal attractions at Stanford for me were the exciting prospects of working with you, Arthur, Henry, Avram and others of like mind in the development of a great center of medical science, and the magnificent opportunity of working in close proximity to you and Arthur and your departments on scientific problems in which we are deeply interested. You perceive quite

correctly, therefore, that the negative result of my discussions at Stanford is a source of regret for me. And after reading your recent paper in Science and Arthur's in the Proceedings of the National Academy, my regret is only deepened.

The question which you have asked, namely, whether I can provide any encouragement to your interest in reopening these discussions, is very difficult for me to answer. Since the attractions and potential opportunities at Stanford still exist, I have a continuing and positive interest in the successful development of the School. My principal reservation concerning the situation at Stanford was the rate at which a new type of Department of Medicine could be developed with the present allocations of space and with those anticipated for the immediate future. Adequate facilities were projected for some time in the future, but there was great reluctance to seek assurance from the trustees that the new building, so vitally needed, would be undertaken very soon. In the course of these

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discussions, I gained the impression that my emphasis on the need for early completion of the building program (so that the tempo of growth and development not slacken) and my hesitancy about accepting the present space without commitment by the School to a definite increase in space in the near future were disquieting to some of the individuals concerned with the selection of the head of the Department of Medicine. In any case, I believe firmly that the remarkable progress which has been achieved so far through Henry's staying and through the appointments of yourself and Arthur and your departments must be sustained by the expansion of physical facilities so that first-rate clinical departments can also be developed.

You are in a far better position than I to judge the present situation at Stanford which may have changed in the past few months in ways of which I am unaware.

During these few months, the situation at Einstein has improved: we are proceeding with the building of a new research wing (about 100,000 sq. ft) and we are about to plan the development of two new departments, genetics and biophysics. In relation to genetics, we are in the process of setting up a human heredity center in which modern biochemical and serologic techniques can be applied to the diversified population groups and the wide range of hereditary disorders available to us in N.Y. This center should prove to be a valuable adjunct to the department of Genetics. Parenthetically, I know that our faculty will want to call upon you for advice and help in the selection of a chairman for this department.

In closing, I want to tell you that I am profoundly appreciative of your interest. It would mean a very great deal to me to be able to count you as a colleague and friend, and I hope that this will be the case wherever

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we may be.

Huguette joins me in warmest
greetings and best wishes to you and
Esther.

Sincerely,
for London